REMARKS

In the foregoing preliminary amendment, claims 1-12 and 20-22 have been cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

Respectfully submitted,

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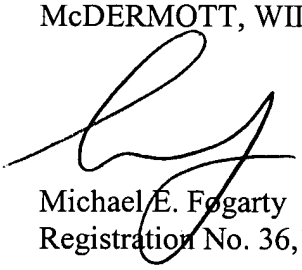
By: 

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